

**Beach Mosquito Control District
Regular Board Meeting
May 11, 2020**

Call to Order and Roll Call. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Beach Mosquito Control District was called to order at 5:00 by Commissioner Larry Couch. Commissioner Couch, Dean and Caldwell all present, Executive Director James Clauson and Amy Myers, legal counsel, attended via phone /video conference due to the Covid-19 social distancing.

Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Couch presented the minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting and moved that they be accepted as presented. Myers made a prior correction to the minutes; Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve based on prior corrections made. Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial report. Commissioner Caldwell presented the financial report, noting the total tax revenue received since last meeting. Reviewed the P&L and noted the cost of the new building. Chairman Couch recommended the report from April 30, 2020 through now be filed for audit.

Old Business.

- A. Lot Purchase – We have not heard anything back from Kevin Williams at this time – Still in the works.
- B. Audit – Due to Covid-19 It appears the auditor General will be extending the time frame for response.
- C. Covid-19 Modified Work Schedule - We would like to return to a regular work schedule starting Monday May 18, 2020. This decision is based on what others in the area are currently doing.

Attorney Report. Myers – confirmed for the record - that Governor DeSantis did extend his executive order through July, that suspended any Florida Statute that requires a physical quorum to be present for local bodies to meet. That same executive order authorizes the use of communications media technology. If we need to have a virtual meeting in June, we may again need to put something on the website. James explained that the front doors are open to the public at this time, so we are compliant for today's meeting.

Director report.

- A. The Director presented the calendar of upcoming meetings, outreaches, community events, trainings for May, June and July and indicated the COVID related cancellations. James attended the virtual FMCA Board meeting on May 5th; we do not know if there will be a fall meeting or if it will be a virtual meeting. We will know more in June. Our regular scheduled board meeting June 8th & July 13th will continue as originally planned. Mosquito Awareness week is the week of June 22nd – 26th and we hope to have Paris Janos from Channel 7 out again for Mosquito Awareness week.
- B. Operations update. Reviewed the Activity Hours for April. It has been very dry. Not many service requests. Maybe 12 – 20 service requests. No UVL spraying yet.
- C. We are currently holding off on the Grand Opening due to Covid-19.
- D. We are still working on the helicopter and have contacted the manufacture AgNav. Larry and I have flown a couple of times and are working together to resolve the issue. It is basically one component talking to another that we are working to resolve.

New business.

- A. We usually start working on the budget around this time. We have not had a chance to get started due to the modified work schedule, but I intend to get started on this and get a draft to you soon.
- B. Public Service Announcement (PSA) with Channel 7. We are working on the public relations investment. This local advertising helps get the message across to the public about what they can do at home to mitigate mosquitos around their home and neighborhoods. It also lets them know that we are here to help them. The price tag for six months of advertisement is \$12,500.00, an increase of \$2,500.00 more than last year, which includes additional advertising spots. I would like to request the boards approval to move forward. I certainly think it is worth while with our public relations campaign / investment. Commissioner Dean expressed her concern for that amount of funds used for advertising. The board discussed the current advertising budget and the need for an official motion due to over the amount of \$5000.00. For the record, the amount is \$12,500.00 for 6 months during the mosquito season.

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve. Caldwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Any other announcements:

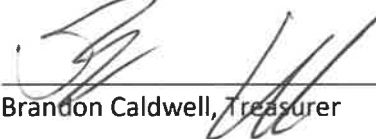
There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.



Larry Couch, Chairman



Joyce Dean, Secretary



Brandon Caldwell, Treasurer